GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
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RE- WRITING OF SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has noticed the report namely `supporting human rights and democracy` of U.S. State Department in March 2005, wherein praising Government of India it had been mentioned that India is re-preparing school text books for the sake of Human Rights;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the rationale behind the linking of re-preparing of school text-books with Human Rights?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The US State Department has issued its annual report `Supporting Human Rights and Democracy: The U.S. Record 2004-2005 on March 28, 2005. The report, inter alia, talks of the re-writing of the textbooks in order to stress the contributions of the Muslim, Sikh, Buddhist and Christian minority communities.Human Rights education has already been given due place in the NCERTs existing textbooks. As in the past due importance will be given to the subject in the syllabi and the textbooks to be prepared on the basis of the revised National Curriculum Framework for School Education presently under review.